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The Committee on *Ministerial Sustentation*, appointed by the General Assembly of 1871, under the Scheme unanimously adopted by that body, was organized in Pittsburgh, at the session-room of the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street, on the 13th September; the Rev. M. W. JACOBUS, D. D., the Assembly's Secretary, Chairman, and DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., Secretary.

Mr. GEO. W. LANE having declined, the Hon. J. K. MOORHEAD was substituted on the Committee.

In view of the newness of the scheme, and of the various inquiries addressed to us concerning its provisions, the Secretary was instructed to issue a Circular explanatory of the system, in relation to the great work and duty of the Church. Such a Circular was accordingly published, and widely circulated, in which the distinctive points were set forth, as follows:

"The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Re-union at Pittsburgh, proposed a SUSTENTATION SCHEME, as a prominent item in their great Memorial Work.

"They recognized the teaching of our Lord that "the workman is worthy of his meat," and of Paul that "the laborer is worthy of his reward;" and recognizing, also, the serious fact, reported at Chicago by their Committee, that so many of the laborers in our Presbyterian field are so poorly sustained, they adopted a scheme for supplementing salaries between \$500 and \$1,000, under certain conditions and limitations.

"(I.) The scheme is THOROUGHLY PRESBYTERIAN.

"(A.) *As to its conditions of aid:* (a.)—It requires the minister to be a Pastor and not a Stated Supply. (b.)—That the Church be systematically contributing to all the Boards of the Church, by a plan that shall reach every member and adherent. (c.)—That the Presbytery shall supervise the working in their bounds, examine by committee every application, and that no grant of money shall be made without its endorsement. Thus it is required that every church which is aided by this scheme, shall first be fully equipped and in working order, on Presbyterian principles.

"(B.) *As to its operation and effects:* (a.)—It encourages Stated Supplies to become Pastors, and thus it tends to bring into regular Presbyterian relations that large number (over 1,000) who are serving the churches by the year, and are not constitutionally inducted into their charge. (b.)—It discourages long vacancies in the Pastorate, by making the actual pastoral relation a condition of aid. (c.)—It tends to *purge the church lists* of the aid-receiving churches, who must pay their *pro rata* as a condition, and cannot afford to have their roll cumbered with those who are not to be found. Thus it works to the orderly maintenance of these churches on Presbyterian principles. (d.)—It requires that the Pastor be wholly given to his work.

"(II.) THE SCHEME IS CAUTIOUS AND WELL GUARDED, as to its checks and limitations.

(a.)—It raises a *standard of minimum contribution*, which has not hitherto been done, and thus requires the aid-receiving church to be self-helping—\$7.30 per member, or *two cents per day*, being the least *quota*, as an average, for the membership. (b.)—It gives timely and effective help to weak churches, who have advanced so far as to give good promise of full establishment and permanency. It leaves to the Board of Home Missions to do the work of *planting*. This Committee's work is that of *nurturing*. The Board of Home Missions helps at the start, and until the church is strong enough to pay the Pastor at least \$500 salary. Then this scheme relieves that Board of this class, and brings the salary up to \$1,000, (manse-rental included,) that so the church may be helped in the midst of its own efforts, and the Pastor be put in a condition to devote himself wholly to its upbuilding and increase, until by advancing the rate, or, at utmost, by reaching 138 members, averaging \$7.30 each, it will fall out of this scheme, by being self-supporting to the extent of \$1,000.

"The churches will surely discriminate between the objects. That the Home Mission Board may give itself wholly to its proper pioneer work, this Committee takes in hand what has been done hitherto only in small part by assisting, under the class of *Missionaries*, many devoted *Pastors* who have been struggling at their posts—and thus it is proposed to enlarge the operation of sustaining on the field the men whom *God has ordained to live of the Gospel*—commanding, thus, all the time of many who are now obliged to give themselves in part to secular pursuits for supplementing the inadequate support of the church.

"And as regards the work of "*Ministerial Relief*," it will be easy to discriminate, as that work aims to help ministers who have been *disabled* or worn down in the service; or to help the needy families of such as have deceased without means for their support. This is a work which results from the lack of *Sustentation*, which seeks to help only when it is too late for encouraging the minister in his labors; which comes to his relief only when he is laid aside by unsupported toil, or helps his destitute household only when he is in the grave. The existence of such a charity in our Church, known as "*Ministerial Relief*," is the confession of neglect in the department of *Sustentation*. Shall we not aid these servants of Christ *while they are at work, and while they could thus be encouraged and stimulated in service, and not wait to do them some small justice when they are disabled or dead—disabled and dead often for lack of the seasonable pittance we could give!* Save us from the reproach of a starving ministry!

"The General Assembly adopted the *Sustentation Scheme* in all its features, by a unanimous vote, requiring of all the churches to set on foot a plan for systematic contribution to this cause, and urging the pastors to call for an amount equal at least to one-twentieth or one-tenth of the salary paid to them, for supplementing the salaries provided for by this scheme. The envelope system is recommended, but other methods may be used, only so as that in each church, every one shall be reached.

"The Assembly requires a Committee, from the Sessions and Trustees, (or Congregation,) to be promptly formed in each Church, to present this and the other Boards to every stated worshiper for systematic contribution. Organization is needed; prompt action is needed; Christian sympathy for the toiling ministry is needed; liberality is needed; prayer is needed. Upon the Pastor and Elders in each church, it will mainly depend to establish this important Scheme, according to the unanimous order of the General Assembly."

Some delay in operating the Scheme was to have been expected. Churches seeking aid were uncertain whether the Committee would be in funds, and aid-giving churches waited somewhat upon one another, to see whereunto the scheme would grow. Applications, however, and contributions, came in during the summer, so as to warrant the Committee in beginning their fiscal year with the 1st of October. This was all the more prompt, as the Committee had resolved to pay *in advance*, from the start, and so it became really equivalent to beginning the year a quarter earlier, with August 1st, and paying only at the quarter's expiration. Matters were well in hand, at the outset, in the good providence of God. The Committee answered promptly the calls to their several meetings; and the churches already, so far as it was known and explained, evinced some degree of enthusiasm in this new enterprise of the Assembly. Prominent Synods and Presbyteries have acted in furtherance of the scheme, and Elders' conventions have been held, endorsing it, and urging it upon the churches.

### DETAILS DISCUSSED.

It was to be expected that the public press would discuss the details of the plan, and a free discussion was rather invited, both public and private, in which the Secretary and members of the Committee took part.

It was urged on one hand that *house-rent* would be a better basis of calculation in supplementing salaries, considering the different cost of living in different places; and that, on this account, also, any fixed limits for minimum and maximum must be unequal in the working. To this it was replied that *house-rent* is a most variable quantity, and most difficult to average, and is not, by any means, in such a system, a safe criterion. Besides, in any given case, the rent actually paid may be determined by very special and peculiar circumstances, not to be accounted of in our calculation.

On another hand, it was urged that the people, in every case, should be *required to pay a percentage of their taxable income*. But this suggestion proceeds upon the notion that a congregation can be compelled, by any church scheme, to pay all that they ought to pay, even as a condition of aid. More or less of the salary must come from stated worshipers, who are not members;



and for the membership, even, we cannot institute a class of publicans to assess and collect from the churches a tax like that of the State.

It has been objected, also, that this scheme unfairly *equalizes salaries*. But, plainly, this objection cannot hold, as the \$1,000 paid is only a *minimum*, and for a *limited class* comprised within the scheme; others, needing *more or less*, coming, as before, under the care of the Home Missionary Board.

From another quarter, it was argued that the amount of \$1,000 would not suffice, in many cases; and that instances are known in which ministers having \$1,000 or \$1,200, suffer as much from the inadequate support, as those under \$1,000. To this it was replied that the \$1,000 named is not to determine or provide for what may be needed in all cases, but only in a class of cases; and that this amount is as far as we dare go at present; and that such as are spoken of, are at liberty to apply as before, to the Board of Home Missions.

By others it has been maintained that the minimum set is *too high*; and that, at least for the outstart, a lower figure would have sufficed. To this it *was, and is* replied, that the Committee, having thoroughly canvassed this point, were convinced that the Church could not afford to set a lower annual estimate upon her ministers than this, if she would undertake to estimate a fair minimum for living. And that, as to particular cases, the matter is in the hands of the Presbytery to decide whether the allowance shall be recommended, or whether the application shall be referred to the Board of Home Missions for the less amount as for the greater.

We have found, however, that many churches and individuals prefer to give to a scheme which provides something like an adequate support, rather than to a half-way plan which leaves the ministers to be beggars.

It has even been flatly objected that "some ministers are not worth a thousand dollars." But it may fairly be replied that this scheme provides only for such as are sought after by the people, and whose settlement as Pastors is applied for and labored for by them—and that this feature of the scheme protects the funds of the church against such misapplication under our system—since it is only in cases where the people have first exerted themselves in making their full share of provision for the minister, that he is aided by us—and then, it is only as the people continue to dis-



charge their obligation, in prompt quarterly payments of their share, that our aid is continued. The objection, therefore, is inapplicable under our scheme.

To answer numerous inquiries, a further explanation of the details was issued in CIRCULAR form, as follows:

“Under the Scheme of Sustentation unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of 1871, the churches entitled to aid from this Committee, are the “*Full Pastoral Charges*,” namely, such as have settled Pastors, to whom they are paying at least \$500 salary (including *manse* rental); and this amount must be an average per member of *at least* \$7.30 per annum, exclusive of *manse*, and *not less than their full share*.

“The further conditions of aid are:

“1st. That the church shall have actually in operation a plan of systematic contribution to all the Boards of the Church, and that this plan shall be by envelope or collection, so as to extend to every stated worshiper the opportunity of so contributing *statedly*.

“2d. It is further required, that in each case of application for aid, the Presbyterial Committee shall first make careful examination of the facts, as to the possibility of consolidation or of association with a neighboring church, that so the funds of the Church may be economized. It must also be inquired, by the Committee of Presbytery, whether the church is doing its proper part in self-help, and whether there is fair prospect of speedy self-sustentation. In regard to all these particulars, the certificate of the Presbyterial Committee is necessary to obtain any grant from the Assembly’s Committee.

“In all cases fully endorsed as fulfilling all the conditions of the Scheme, it is proposed to supplement the salary to \$1,000, including rental of *manse*, if there be any.

“In any case where the Presbytery recommends less or more than this balance of \$1,000, the case falls out of our plan, and may be referred to the Board of Home Missions.

“The Committee have found it important to require that in all cases the aid-seeking church shall so far give evidence of complying with the condition of systematic offerings to the Board, as *to pay in advance*, into our hands, an amount equal to one-twentieth of their part of the salary. It is not allowable to *deduct* this amount from the first installment of aid; for this might result in so much reduction from the Pastor’s pay. It must, therefore, be insisted upon, for example, that a church paying \$600, must send to us, *in advance*, \$30, before we can remit.

“Our payments are made *quarterly in advance*, and no grant can date back of the actual installation, and fulfillment of all the conditions.

“At the end of each quarter, the Pastor is expected to report to us directly, or through the Presbyterial Committee, whether the church has thus far fulfilled its part of the obligation for salary; and this is to be a condition of further aid from the Committee, part of our object being to hold the church to its part of the work.

“The Committee is in cordial co-operation with the Board of Home Missions, taking off its hands, so far and so fast as funds will allow, such cases as our Scheme contemplates, striving thus to advance the churches to some standard of minimum contribution, and to advance the Ministers from Stated Supplies to Pastors.

“If any complain of *too many objects*, that is only a fair complaint when there is no well-defined or useful object presented worthy of a distinct and special effort. But this object is truly fundamental, and vital to the stability and advancement of our Church. As yet, there is no extra cost of machinery beyond the payment of a clerk. The *actual operation* of the Scheme is most encouraging. All applications, fully certified, have been promptly granted. In many of these, the Ministers, by this Scheme, are now newly made *Pastors*. In most cases, also, the churches applying have first advanced their own rates of contribution to the Pastor—in several cases having added as much as *three hundred dollars*, in order to get under the Scheme. And all these churches are rejoicing that now they can have a Pastor regularly settled among them, and giving his whole self to the upbuilding of the church.

“Where one or more *preaching points* are included by the Presbytery in the Pastoral charge, or where the Minister is installed Pastor of two or more churches, these may unite in making up the amount of salary, only that there can be no *Stated Supply* arrangement allowed—it must be a *bona fide* Pastorate throughout. And where there are two organized churches, with the one Pastor installed over both, each church must be held answerable for its minimum average of \$7.30 per member, and neither can be dependent on the other church to supply its deficiency.

“This quota is also to be calculated according to the *actual membership* on the church-roll. If absentees are not looked after and regularly dismissed, this is to be accounted as the fault of the church, and in no case can distinctions be allowed in the membership, so as to exempt any from being reckoned in the calculation.

“It is not within the Plan of this Committee to aid churches which are declining, though such are not excluded; and where a reduction is reported in salary or in numbers, there is, so far, the presumption against any early ability of self-sustentation, and to such extent the aid of this Committee is discouraged.

“This Committee cannot, any more than any of the other Boards, *guarantee* anything beyond their earnest endeavor to meet every application, as they have done thus far—and as they hope to do

—God giving the strong churches the ability and grace to help the weak, and the whole Church the wisdom to help itself, by helping the men who are building it up in this great land.”

A blank FORM OF APPLICATION was issued, reciting the conditions, as follows :

### Sustentation. Presbytery of

[ Fill all the blanks, *without exception*, and forward to the Committee on Sustentation.]

The \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
under the care of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply to the Committee of Sustentation, (expecting aid from no other source,) for the minimum amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to assist in making up a total salary of One Thousand Dollars, ( of which we have \$ \_\_\_\_\_ pledged and secured in money \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in manse \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) for the support of Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ a member of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ (regularly installed as our Pastor, day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 ) aid to date from \_\_\_\_\_ 18 , to \_\_\_\_\_ 18 ; agreeing on our part to contribute in advance at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , (being the one-twentieth of our share of the salary,) to the funds of the Committee.

The P. O. address of Rev. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

Our communicants number \_\_\_\_\_ We have in actual operation the envelope (or collector) plan of systematic giving for all the Boards.

By order of the Congregation.

*Committee appointed to sign this Application.*

*Clerk of Session.*

### TO THE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION.

The Church at \_\_\_\_\_ having fulfilled the conditions of aid under the Sustentation Scheme, viz: having a Pastor, paying at least \$500 salary, and \$7.30 *cash* average per member, having in operation the envelope (or collector) plan for the systematic contribution of all the people to this and all the Boards of the Church—and not being sufficiently near to any other church receiving aid to be associated with it, under one Pastorate—and paying, at least, one-twentieth of their part of the salary to this cause, and being found, on examination of the case, to have urgent need of this amount, and to have fair promise of becoming self-sustaining, is hereby recommended for aid to the amount of \$.....

*Pres. of*

*Chairman Com.*

*Stated Clerk.*

### THE WORKING.

A difficulty has also been encountered in some Presbyteries, where the salaries are commonly less than \$1,000, and where the Elders do not wish to raise the price ; that on this account they do not favor contribution to this scheme. But this shameful parsi-

mony is the very evil which we aim at, and which the scheme seeks to remedy. The ministers who are most oppressed by such a policy are often most reluctant to move in the matter, and these are they for whom the scheme utters its plea and complaint, before the churches.

It was found necessary to insist that the amounts set by the scheme (viz: \$500 salary, and \$7.30 per member) were not to be regarded as the *maximum* but as the *minimum*; and that the actual fulfilling of these conditions does not necessarily entitle to aid under the scheme, nor in any case where it is found that the church can fairly be expected to do more.

The “*envelope*” or “*collector*” method is prescribed as the alternative, in systematic giving—the object being to present to each member and stated worshiper the *opportunity* of giving to all the objects; and the *collector* (or *visitor*) plan is to be carefully distinguished from the unsatisfactory method of *pew collections*. It ought to appear in each church how many of the people give.

Besides, the Committee have insisted on the grouping or *consolidation* of weak churches sufficiently contiguous and accessible, and wherever they could be brought by the Presbytery under one pastorate. In one case, four small churches have been thus grouped; and by this means the funds of the church are economized, and these weaklings are nursed until one or other of them, and all, if possible, shall be self-sustaining. In no such case, however, can the Stated Supply relation be continued, but the churches must be actually grouped under one pastorate.

So far from the dependence upon this Committee being of indefinite duration, it is understood that, by the terms of our scheme, a speedy passing out of our hands is expected. In cases not a few, the understanding is that the aid is limited in time; *one, two, or three years* being agreed on as the *outside extent of our aid*.

It is plain that no such scheme can be worked in the church without the co-operation and *business fidelity* of the Presbyteries.

The raising of a standard for the membership of a *minimum average contribution* to the pastor has worked importantly, even outside of the sphere of this Committee. It has brought many churches to consider and to confess their inadequate quota, and to raise the salary to \$7.30 per member, and in other cases to \$1,000, without applying for our aid. There are numerous testimonials to this effect, of churches unwilling to be outside the circle of decent support.



This scheme has also brought many a weak church to its strength; and in the hope of this help, upon such condition self-help, they have, in some instances, doubled their salary, and more. It has put them upon a new track, imparted a new life, cultivated their manhood, and given to the church enterprise a new aspect of self-reliance. The scheme also has admirably developed the systematic beneficence of feeble churches, and meanwhile instituting the pastoral relation, has established the church in the order of the Gospel, and promoted its full equipment for church work. Testimonials are abundant to this effect.

In one Presbytery (*Palmyra, Missouri*), out of 12 Pastors now at work, 8 have been made Pastors during the past six months under this Scheme. Many churches testify that the people have done far more for the minister and for all the Boards of the Church, than would have been possible under any other arrangement; *e. g.* "our people have done 50 per cent. more for the salary, and 100 per cent. more for the Boards than ever they had done." Again, "The church has received a new impulse. The encouragement of your Scheme has set them at work with new zeal and vigor in all the departments, and God blesses us with a revival of true religion." Again, "No one would have believed that this church could have been brought to do what it has done under the Sustentation Scheme. And there is a new life awakened amongst the people, that shows itself in all our services."

## RESULTS.

We call attention to the triumphant fact that, already in the six months of our operation, *seventy-two* ministers have been taken off the hands of the Board of Home Missions, and *sixty-one* have been made Pastors under this Scheme. And if we include the 146 cases acted upon, up to this date, (May 10,) there are 88 who were Home Missionaries: and 81 who were Stated Supplies, teachers, or W. C's, have been made Pastors. Only consider what a new movement is here begun, of utmost importance, to be carried on to a proper completion. What a reconstruction is here started, worthy to compare in value even with the late reconstruction of the Church. And what a prospect here opens, under the hands of the Committee, for a reorganizing of our ministerial force, if this work only go on as it has so well begun.

## THE FACTS.

Look now at the glaring facts to be dealt with in our calculation. There were only 1,600 pastors, out of our 4,300 ministers. There were 1,137 stated supplies, who, in most cases, were such, because of inadequate salary; and 858 W. C.; and 748 miscellaneous; and these, in many instances, because they have been driven from the active ministry to other occupations, by the same lack of support; and so nearly 1,000 churches are vacant. (Minutes of '71.)

OBSERVE, Here are as many ministers *without charge*, and *miscellaneous*, or *blank*, as there are *Pastors*; and nearly two-thirds as many *Stated Supplies*.

Of these 2,700 ministers who are in active service, 1,200 at least, are under the Board of Home Missions, in whole or in part dependent upon the Church funds. Nearly one-half of our active ministers are thus found to be Home Missionaries! The list of Missionaries is found to be not confined at all to the pioneer planters of the Gospel standard on our frontier, but is made up largely of those who have fairly outlived the title of missionaries, and who should long ago have fallen off the list, and become fixed as pastors of self-sustaining churches. But this large number of employees of the Board gives the public impression that most of them are really at work on the outposts, and carrying the Gospel into the parts beyond. Is it not time that some distinction were made between classes of ministers now called *Home Missionaries*, either by a fixed missionary period, or by a limit of territory, or by a limitation of time for dependence upon the Church funds? Our scheme tends in this direction. It aims to decrease the large number of Home Missionaries relying upon the public funds of the Church, by putting the churches to some test, and by putting the thriftier of them upon a sliding-scale. By this means the Home Missionary Board may, in so far, have a new set of employees as pioneers, and may be relieved of the class who should thus be off their hands.

## RESTRICTIONS.

It was found important to guard against any advantage being taken of our scheme; and we have insisted that any reduction of the salary from former years must constitute presumptive evidence against the application, unless the most satisfactory explanation can be made of the case. Also, that no *counting out* of members



regularly remaining on the church roll can be allowed; and that absence, or poverty, or childhood, cannot be pleaded for reducing the list in reporting to us, or in fulfilling the \$7.30 condition. If absentees are not well looked after, and regularly dismissed, this is the fault of the church, and their quota is to be paid, until they are orderly disposed of.

We insist on a thorough investigation of each case, outside of the Presbytery's sittings, to be reported and endorsed by Presbytery, instead of the whole business being transacted in open Presbytery, and passed under the pressure of personal influence.

The question has been propounded to us by letter, whether a minister would be allowed to contribute any part of the \$500, in order to make up the minimum amount, as a condition of aid. **PLAINLY NOT.** The minimum salary and quota are fixed as the least amount which the people themselves (the church and congregation) must be actually doing for the pastor, in order to receive aid.

We have issued a blank form for a Quarterly Report from the aid-receiving, as follows:

#### .      QUARTERLY REPORT OF                      CHURCH.

##### PRESBYTERY OF

Have you the same Pastor as per last report?.....  
 Is he in full service?.....Is Pastor's salary paid and received  
   in full up to.....  
 What increase of members since last report? .....  
 Can you increase your quota per member for the salary? .....  
 Have you regularly contributed to the Boards? .....  
 To which? .....  
 By what method? .....  
 What number of your members have contributed? .....

(Signed)

.....*Pastor.*

.....

.....

*Elders.*

The item which calls for the actual payment of the pastor's salary by the church, for the quarter past, before a further quarterly payment can be sent by the Committee, has wrought admirably in bringing dilatory and delinquent congregations to some business promptitude in dealing with the pastor. Our Committee thus comes in between the parties, and speaks for the pastor, when

he would not speak for himself, and secures attention to his claims, as a condition of aid to the church. Many pastors have testified to us of the excellence of this feature.

Additions to the membership made during the year will be estimated for the next year, and will put the church so far forward towards the self-sustaining point.

In case of a pastor laying down his charge while receiving aid, the appropriation stops, and the application must be renewed in case of a successor.

It has been found entirely fair to allow a moderate estimate of *manse rental* in making up the minimum, while it is to be shown that the church is not over-estimating that item to diminish the money payment. But inasmuch as the *manse rent* is not a fixed quantity, and may admit of question, it is suggested that a limit should be set to it in the calculation; and that, in ordinary cases, not more than \$75, and in any case not more than \$100 be allowed. In no case can the *manse rental* be allowed, unless, *besides that*, the \$7.30 per member is paid. This is fair towards the minister, who cannot live on house-rent, while it allows a moderate valuation of the manse, in consideration of the outlay on it for the minister's support. We look for the time when we may raise the requirement so as to make the minimum to be \$500, IN CASH, in all cases.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Up to date of April 20th, close of fiscal year, we have received from all sources. . . . . \$41,073 52

And we have expended . . . . . 18,212 92

We have granted 114 applications.

748 churches have contributed.

Our estimates for the first year, as reported to the last General Assembly, were founded upon the returns received to our Circular of inquiry, issued the year previous. We calculated that 155 cases would come under our charge during the first year; we have received up to this date, (May 10,) 156 applications. We called for \$50,000, and we have received \$45,000, (to May 10.) Only the cases then existing were estimated; and supposing those, and only those then falling within the provisions of our scheme were to be considered, and provided for, the actual requirement would have been as stated in our Report. But the scheme set

on foot a new movement. Many churches advanced their salary to \$1,000, without our aid; many stated supplies hastened to become pastors; churches which were below the minimum increased their salary, so as to come under the scheme, and thus the actual cases have been quite different from those estimated for, and the estimates were in so far on a different scale. If, as now seems, this movement is to go largely forward along the whole line of our weak churches, there will be a general lifting up of large numbers, and *that* according to a scheme which will not allow of dependence upon the church funds for an indefinite time. They will here be put upon a *sliding scale*, towards speedy self-sustentation.

Our balance in hand, April 20th, while it shows the favor with which the churches are sustaining our Scheme, is not to be regarded as any surplus, but only as a fair working capital, to save us from the burden of debt.

The applications already granted call for new quarterly payments, all along—and for the current year our obligations already assumed are \$45,257 00

Other applications in hand awaiting our Committee's action, will call for \$13,577 00

Immediate demands are thus hanging over us, and our infant operations would be swamped with any less margin of funds. And it is not to be overlooked that since the spring meetings of Presbytery the new applications are flowing in upon us with a rush, and will require a large increase of means.

### PROSPECT.

Our noble Church, with its efficient apparatus, and excellent equipment for the evangelizing work in our land, may contemplate with pride this process of quickening and establishment, where a new principle of self-help is appealed to, and is brought into exercise, and where a respectable manhood is developed, instead of a disgraceful alms-house spirit. And when the deserving and thrifty poor are lifted up, on the one hand, encouraged, strengthened and confirmed; and when, on the other hand, the penuriousness of older and larger memberships is rendered conspicuously exceptional, and withal is made *odious*—when the Presbytery shall lay its hand of authority upon the stingy delinquents, and put its hand of encouraging aid under the faithful poor, then the wastes

of our Zion will be truly repaired, and the laxities will be corrected, and our whole ministerial force, now so scattered and demoralized, will be in line; men will be at their posts as *pastors*, and our beloved Church will be *strong*, in her men and in her means, under God, for the great evangelizing work in this land, and in the world.

Your Committee do not enter into any discussion of the important questions now before the Church, touching a consolidation of the Boards. But we are unanimous in the conviction that our scheme must be kept, for the present, at least, distinct and separate, so as to be fairly established in its working as a specific object of church beneficence, and so as to gather and embody the facts in this department for the great end in view.

We are thankful to God that the cause has found so much and so ready favor with the churches, and that the aid-giving have seen the business aspects of the scheme, commending it to their approval and co-operation. Many of the churches which have not found a place for the object the past year, have expressed their hearty interest, and have pledged their contributions, in their best time and way, during the coming season. Any objection to expensive machinery, and any plea for consolidation, in order to economize the funds, is not applicable here, because your Secretary has declined any compensation whatever; and his work from the beginning has been gratuitous.

### PASTORS' SALARIES.

The publication of pastors' salaries in the Minutes, as called for by this scheme, has been opposed in certain quarters, and formally objected to by at least two of our prominent Presbyteries. The grounds of objection, whatever they are, should not lose sight of the fact that, if the Church at large has any right to deal with the matter of supplementing the salaries, it has a right to know, and must know, what the salaries are.

The Church has incurred the expense of educating and sending forth her ministers, and has only too long neglected to inquire how these ministers are sustained and provided for in the field; and when now she sets her hand to this great work, and would aim, by this scheme, to remedy the confessed evil, it should be no mere delicacy of feeling on the part of any minister that would keep back



the facts on which alone the scheme can best be operated. In other Churches, this very publication of the figures has proved to be a most potent means of reformation, a quiet but powerful stimulus to exertion. And if the facts are withheld, then the salutary stimulus must be sacrificed. Alongside of the number of members, in each church, it is right to publish the provision for the pastor which these members have made. Our Church, which is not an Independency, but a Presbyterial Episcopacy, claims to look after her ministers and members, and to see to it that their mutual obligations are fulfilled.

## REVIEW.

A review of our operations for this first year has fully proved the following advantages of our scheme :

1st. It brings the stated supplies to become pastors. It strikes thus at the root of a great evil in our Church, which threatened to put the pastorate quite out of vogue, or to make it the barest exception in our system. Our ministers are willing to become pastors, if only they can feel justified so to do by any decent provision for their support.

2d. The ministers are thus brought to give themselves wholly to their work, and to quit other and secular avocations, so as to apply all their energies to the upbuilding of their churches.

3d. The churches are stimulated by our scheme to self-help, so as in many cases to advance their salaries from 30 to 50 per cent., and to reach the \$500, or the \$7.30 per member, as a minimum.

4th. The indirect effect of our scheme is manifest in bringing many churches, without the aid of our funds, to advance their salary according to the standard thus set up, so as to come upon a platform of decent support for the minister.

5th. The effect upon the aid-receiving churches has, in many cases, been most stimulating in all the work of the church; encouraging them in all the services of God's house, and bringing them to systematic giving; and thus, also, bringing down upon them the Divine blessing in revival and ingathering.

6th. The Committee are enabled, by the liberal support of the aid-giving churches, to relieve the Home Mission Board of a class of its Mission Stations, from year to year, so as to set free their means for new fields beyond.

7th. The Committee expect, as they receive new churches under their care, to dismiss old ones, who shall have become self-sustaining; and who will, as they become so, be also contributors to all the schemes of the Church.

### ACTION.

We ask the attention of the General Assembly to the Presbyteries and churches which have taken no action on this subject; and we desire the Assembly,

1st. To *re-enjoin* every church session to carry out the scheme according to its several provisions, and especially to afford to their people the opportunity to contribute statedly to this object, as a privilege which they have no right to refuse; and further, that the Assembly enjoin upon the Presbyteries, at their spring session, to call upon the churches to answer this requirement.

2d. That the Assembly enjoin every minister in charge to set before his people, on or before the 1st day of February next, the Scriptural doctrine and duty of Ministerial Sustentation.

3d. That for the present year, inasmuch as no column has been provided for the contributions to this Sustentation Committee, the Assembly direct the Stated Clerk to publish in the Minutes (in the "*General Assembly*" column, not now needed, or elsewhere,) the returns from the churches, as furnished by the Treasurer of this Committee.

4th. That the Assembly approve the call of this Committee upon the churches for the sum of \$150,000 for the current year.

M. W. JACOBUS,

*Secretary and Treasurer,*

318 Ridge St., Allegheny, Pa



# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Dr. The SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE of the Presbyterian Church, in Acc't with M. W. JACOBUS, Treas. Cr.*

1872. April 20,	1872.		By Donations from Churches and Individuals..... By Donation to Permanent Fund, (Wm. Walker, N. Y.)..... By Interest on Deposits.....	\$40,482 38 500 00 91 14
To Payments made on applications granted to date..... To Expense as follows: Salary of Clerk..... Traveling Expenses of Revs. C. W. Wood and S. C. Logan..... Printing and Stationery..... Exchange and Collections..... Postage and Revenue Stamps..... Monthly Record..... Balance amount Cash on hand.....	\$16,983 80 750 00			
	52 50			
	135 31			
	29 06			
	186 15			
	76 10			
	\$22,860 60			
	\$41,073 52			\$41,073 52
			Balance Cash on hand.....	\$22,860 60

We have examined the account of M. W. JACOBUS, Treasurer, of which the above is an abstract, and find the same to be correct and true.

J. K. MOORHEAD, }  
DAVID ROBINSON, } *Auditors.*

# RECEIPTS

## OF THE

### SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE,

DURING THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 20TH, 1872.

#### Synod of Albany.

Presbytery of Albany.	
First Albany.....	\$149 70
Kingsboro' .....	37 31
Fourth Albany.....	90 90
State Street, Albany...	30 00
	<u>\$307 91</u>

#### Presbytery of Columbia.

Windham Center.....	\$10 00
1st Hudson.....	50 00
Hillsdale .....	9 00
1st Durham.....	16 00
	<u>\$85 00</u>

#### Presbytery of Troy.

Oak Avenue, Troy.....	\$ 6 10
Westminster, Troy.....	2 00
Waterford.....	65 00
2d Troy.....	40 00
1st Lansingburgh.....	50 00
	<u>\$163 10</u>

#### Synod of Baltimore

##### Presbytery of Baltimore.

Emmitsburgh, 1st.....	\$11 46
D. McLaren.....	30 00
Lonaconing.....	7 55
Barton .....	12 00
1st Baltimore.....	300 00
Deer Creek, Harmony..	13 79
Frederick .....	8 00
Westminster, Baltimore	40 00
New Windsor.....	50
Dolphin.....	5 00
1st Annapolis.....	10 00
Central, Baltimore.....	8 03
Hayre de Grace.....	20 00
	<u>\$466 33</u>

#### Presbytery of New Castle.

Green Hill.....	\$10 06
Wicomico, .....	15 00
Central Wilmington,...	80 00
Georgetown.....	2 00
Red Clay Creek.....	25 00
Chesapeake City.....	5 00
Bridgeville.....	2 00
	<u>\$139 06</u>

#### Presbytery of Washington City.

Falls.....	\$ 5 00
N. Y. Ave., Washington	55 45
	<u>\$60 45</u>

#### Synod of Cincinnati

##### Presbytery of Chillicothe.

Kingston.....	\$7 75
1st Chillicothe.....	40 00
	<u>\$47 75</u>

##### Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Monterey.....	\$6 25
1st Glendale.....	82 52
Bethel .....	35 00
	<u>\$123 77</u>

##### Presbytery of Dayton.

2nd Springfield.....	\$100 00
College Corner.....	7 00
	<u>\$107 00</u>

##### Presbytery of Portsmouth.

Ripley.....	\$10 00
Sandy Spring.....	5 00
	<u>\$15 00</u>

#### Synod of Cleveland.

##### Presbytery of Cleveland.

Memorial, Cleveland...	\$4 00
1st Cleveland.....	314 88
	<u>\$318 88</u>

##### Presbytery of Mahoning.

Mineral Ridge.....	\$14 00
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##### Presbytery of St. Clairsville.

Kirkwood.....	\$28 33
St. Clairsville.....	50 00
	<u>\$78 33</u>

##### Presbytery of Steubenville.

2nd Steubenville.....	\$27 00
Oak Ridge.....	6 00
Cross Creek.....	6 20
Pleasant Hill .....	5 10
Beech Spring.....	20 00
New Philadelphia.....	13 00
Madison.....	10 00
Waynesburg and Bethlehem .....	12 00
	<u>\$99 30</u>

#### Synod of Colorado.

##### Presbytery of Colorado.

Denver.....	\$11 21
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##### Presbytery of Santa Fe.

Las Vegas.....	\$2 00
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**Synod of Columbus.**

<b>Presbytery of Athens.</b>	
1st Athens.....	\$15 56
<b>Presbytery of Columbus.</b>	
Lancaster.....	\$5 15
<b>Presbytery of Marion.</b>	
Mrs. McCutcheon, O.....	\$18 37
Maysville.....	8 25
Milford Center.....	5 00
Liberty.....	50
	<hr/> \$32 12

<b>Presbytery of Wooster.</b>	
Dalton.....	\$35 00
Ashland.....	45 80
Wooster.....	32 00
Shelby.....	8 50
	<hr/> \$121 30

<b>Presbytery of Zanesville.</b>	
Rossville.....	\$4 00
Uniontown.....	1 00
Salem, German.....	6 70
Pntnam.....	25 00
Brownsville.....	5 00
Fairmount.....	2 00
Muskingum.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$48 70

**Synod of Erie.**

<b>Presbytery of Allegheny.</b>	
1st German, Allegheny..	\$5 30
Leetsdale.....	34 59
Hiland.....	17 80
Freedom.....	2 75
North Allegheny.....	230 09
2nd Allegheny.....	64 70
1st ".....	115 85
	<hr/> \$471 08

<b>Presbytery of Butler.</b>	
Concord.....	\$22 25
North Butler.....	5 25
Butler.....	45 81
	<hr/> \$73 31

<b>Presbytery of Clarion.</b>	
Licking.....	\$25 00
Leatherwood.....	20 00
Perry.....	6 00
Callensburg.....	10 00
Concord.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$64 00

**Presbytery of Erie.**

Girard.....	\$19 31
Park, Erie.....	75 00
1st Franklin.....	20 00
Tidionte.....	32 00
Corry.....	15 00
Gravel Run.....	6 00
1st Oil City.....	27 00
Northeast.....	15 00
1st Meadville.....	37 00
Central Erie.....	25 00
	<hr/> \$271 31

**Presbytery of Kittanning.**

1st Kittanning.....	\$100 00
Elder's Ridge.....	9 81
Shrader's Grove.....	5 70
Slate Lick.....	10 00
Indiana.....	75 00
Glade Run.....	6 00
Worthington.....	7 00
West Lebanon.....	7 77
Ebenezer.....	14 00
Clarksbnrg.....	6 00
Concord.....	11 00
Mahoning.....	4 00
Freeport.....	4 00
	<hr/> \$260 28

**Presbytery of Shenango.**

Clarksville.....	\$13 95
Westfield.....	13 26
	<hr/> \$27 21

**Synod of Geneva.**

<b>Presbytery of Cayuga.</b>	
2nd Auburn.....	\$25 28
Sennett.....	8 62
Anrora.....	35 00
1st Geneva.....	10 00
Port Byron.....	36 00
	<hr/> \$114 90

**Presbytery of Chemung.**

Tyrone.....	\$3 18
Sugar Hill.....	1 57
1st Elmira.....	60 00
	<hr/> \$64 75

**Presbytery of Geneva.**

Oak's Corners.....	\$4 00
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**Presbytery of Steuben.**

Jasper.....	\$4 00
1st Corning.....	30 00
Hornellsville.....	14 90
	<hr/> \$48 90

**Synod of Harrisb'g****Presbytery of Carlisle.**

1st Harrisbnrg.....	\$85 00
J. W. Weir.....	100 00
Mrs. E. E. Halderman..	50 00
Lower Path Valley and	
Burnt Cabins.....	20 00
Pine St., Harrisburg....	50 00
Seventh St., ".....	30 00
Lower Marsh Creek.....	11 00
Great Conawago.....	4 50
	<hr/> \$350 50

**Presbytery of Huntingdon.**

1st Bellefonte.....	\$200 00
Lewistown.....	70 00
Buffalo Run.....	25 00
Bedford.....	30 00
Pine Grove.....	10 84
Spruce Creek.....	137 49
Milesburg.....	14 89
Snow Shoe and Moshan-	
non.....	4 48
Mifflintown and Lost	
Creek.....	77 70
Sinking Valley.....	25 00
Holidaysburg.....	50 00
Shaver's Creek.....	6 00
Bethel.....	12 00
West Kishacoquillas...	50 00
Yellow Creek.....	15 57
Alexandria.....	45 00
Lower Spruce Creek....	12 76
Perrysville.....	50 00
1st Altoona.....	43 28
	<hr/> \$830 61

**Presbytery of Northumber-**  
**land.**

Shamokin.....	\$13 50
1st Williamsport.....	22 87
	<hr/> \$36 37

**Synod of Illinois,**  
**Central.****Presbytery of Bloomington.**

Reading.....	\$4 25
1st Champaign.....	66 75
	<hr/> Amount forward, \$71 00

**Bloomington—CONTINUED.**

Am't brought forward,	\$71 00
Wenona.....	5 00
Chenoa.....	14 95
Heyworth.....	6 00
Bement.....	11 90
Lexington.....	11 00
Gilman.....	3 00
Rossville.....	10 00
Fairbury.....	5 00
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	\$137 85

**Presbytery of Peoria.**

Canton .....	\$6 11
Atlanta.....	8 50
2nd Peoria.....	27 00
1st Peoria.....	15 00
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	\$56 61

**Presbytery of Schuyler.**

Camp Creek .....	\$9 20
Good Hope.....	6 00
Bardolph.....	3 00
1st Monmouth.....	17 00
1st Mt. Sterling.....	21 00
Rushville.....	5 00
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	\$61 20

**Presbytery of Springfield.**

Bethel .....	\$5 00
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**Synod of Illinois,  
North.****Presbytery of Freeport.**

1st Warren.....	\$12 00
Hebron.....	10 00
1st Rockford.....	40 00
2nd Freeport.....	23 60
Middle Creek.....	9 50
1st Freeport.....	76 00
South Galena.....	52 85
1st Winnebago.....	5 00
Willow Creek.....	20 00
German, Galena.....	3 00
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	\$251 95

**Presbytery of Ottawa.**

Streator.....	\$7 00
Ausable Grove.....	16 00
Morris.....	12 50
Greenville.....	6 25
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	\$41 75

**Presbytery of Rock River.**

Beulah.....	\$2 50
Camden.....	3 00
Camden Sabb'h School,	3 00
West Henderson.....	32 00
Centre.....	9 25
Sterling.....	50 00
Edgington.....	7 50
White Rock.....	2 00
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	\$109 25

**Synod of Illinois,  
South.****Presbytery of Alton.**

Nokomis .....	\$4 78
Edwardsville.....	4 00
Greenville.....	23 44
Greenville Sabbath Sc.	1 56
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	\$33 78

**Presbytery of Cairo.**

Richview.....	\$5 00
Sharon .....	2 25
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	\$7 25

**Presbytery of Mattoon.**

Mattoon.....	\$12 00
Paris.....	18 50
Neoga.....	5 50
Shelbyville .....	9 90
Moaweaqua.....	3 55
Hebron .....	3 00
Oakland.....	3 00
Charleston.....	10 00
Caledonia .....	10 00
Vandalia .....	11 00
Pleasant Prairie.....	7 00
Tuscola .....	5 00
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	\$98 45

**Synod of Indiana,  
North.****Presbytery of Crawfordsville.**

Rossville.....	\$1 00
Oxford .....	1 00
Lexington.....	10 00
Sugar Creek.....	5 00
Delphi.....	16 50
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	\$33 50

**Presbytery of Fort Wayne.**

Coesse.....	\$12 15
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**Fort Wayne—CONTINUED.**

A " brought forward,	\$12 15
Pleasant Ridge.....	5 75
Lancaster.....	1 75
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	\$19 65

**Presbytery of Logansport.**

La Porte .....	\$8 51
1st Michigan City.....	13 85
2nd Logansport.....	12 15
Rochester.....	7 00
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	\$41 51

**Presbytery of Muncie.**

1st Anderson.....	\$6 00
Noblesville .....	4 00
Boxley.....	1 50
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	\$11 50

**Synod of Indiana,  
South.****Presbytery of Indianapolis.**

2nd Indianapolis.....	\$12 18
Walnut St. Bloomingt'n	27 00
3rd Indianapolis.....	75 96
Acton .....	4 50
5th Indianapolis.....	4 00
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	\$123 64

**Presbytery of New Albany.**

1st Madison.....	\$50 00
Petersburg .....	4 00
Graham.....	6 00
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	\$60 00

**Presbytery of Vincennes.**

Upper Indiana.....	\$5 00
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**Presbytery of White Water.**

Aurora.....	\$30 00
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**Synod of Iowa,  
North.****Presbytery of Cedar Rapids.**

Fairfax .....	\$2 00
Blairstown.....	2 10
Central, Shellsburgh...	2 00
Andrew & Farmers' C'k	3 00
Bellevue .....	2 70
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	\$11 80

**Presbytery of Dubuque.**

2nd Dubuque.....	\$18 31
1st German, Dubuque..	5 00
Winthrop.....	3 00
1st Dubuque.....	13 02
Lansing.....	6 00
Clermont.....	1 00
Bethel.....	1 00
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	<u>\$48 33</u>

**Presbytery of Fort Dodge.**

Storm Lake.....	\$2 00
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**Synod of Iowa,  
South.****Presbytery of Des Moines.**

1st Columbia.....	\$2 75
Dexter.....	5 00
Chariton.....	10 00
Russell.....	5 00
Adel.....	3 00
1st Corydon.....	2 00
Osceola.....	7 00
	<u>\$34 75</u>

**Presbytery of Iowa.**

Union.....	\$20 00
Bloomfield.....	6 00
	<u>\$26 00</u>

**Presbytery of Iowa City.**

Tipton.....	\$26 00
Columbus City.....	4 00
Washington.....	19 00
Muscatine.....	25 00
1st Iowa City.....	50 00
West Liberty.....	2 00
Brooklyn.....	8 00
Cedar Valley.....	2 50
Sigourney.....	5 00
	<u>\$141 50</u>

**Presbytery of Missouri River.**

Blackbird Hills.....	\$1 75
1st Nebraska City.....	5 00
	<u>\$6 75</u>

**Synod of Kansas.****Presbytery of Emporia.**

Lyndon.....	\$1 00
Osage City.....	75
Burlingame.....	1 00
	<u>\$2 75</u>

**Presbytery of Neosho.**

Independence.....	\$1 60
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**Presbytery of Topeka.**

1st Leavenworth.....	\$32 10
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**Synod of Ky.****Presbytery of Ebenezer.**

2nd Lexington.....	\$308 70
Paris.....	26 55
	<u>\$335 25</u>

**Presbytery of Louisville.**

College St., Louisville..	\$100 00
Hopkinsville.....	6 00
	<u>\$106 00</u>

**Synod of Long Is-  
land.****Presbytery of Brooklyn.**

S. Third St., Brooklyn..	\$65 92
Sabbath School, South	
Third St., Brooklyn...	100 00
	<u>\$165 92</u>

**Presbytery of Nassau.**

Newtown.....	\$41 00
Hempstead.....	0 00
1st Huntington.....	28 00
Babylon.....	32 00
	<u>\$151 00</u>

**Synod of Michig'n****Presbytery of Detroit.**

Wyandotte.....	\$3 50
1st Detroit.....	72 45
Westminster, Detroit...	28 88
Birmingham.....	8 00
	<u>\$112 83</u>

**Presbytery of Saginaw.**

Chesaning.....	\$1 70
St. Charles.....	1 70
Fenton.....	7 64
hull.....	2 70
	<u>\$13 74</u>

**Synod of Minn.****Presbytery of Mankato.**

Redwood Falls.....	\$4 00
Beaver Falls.....	1 00
Union, St. Peter.....	11 00
1st Mankato.....	30 00
	<u>\$46 00</u>

**Presbytery of St. Paul.**

Central, St. Paul.....	\$69 46
1st Taylor's Falls.....	8 00
1st St. Croix.....	5 00
St. Paul House of Hope	8 00
Forest.....	1 50
Dundas.....	4 00
Andrew, St. Anthony...	8 31
Redwing.....	5 00
1st Stillwater.....	10 00
1st Shakopee.....	21
	<u>\$119 48</u>

**Presbytery of Winona.**

Rochester.....	\$7 50
Lake City.....	8 00
1st Winona.....	20 00
J. H. Woodruff.....	5 00
Albert Lea.....	27 00
St. Charles.....	4 00
Utica.....	1 50
Caledonia.....	6 00
	<u>\$79 00</u>

**Synod of Missouri****Presbytery of Osage.**

1st Lexington.....	\$12 00
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**Presbytery of Palmyra.**

New Cambria.....	\$4 00
1st Hannibal.....	30 00
1st Memphis.....	7 00
	<u>\$41 00</u>

**Presbytery of Platte.**

Westminster, St. Joe..	\$37 15
Maryville.....	3 00
	<u>\$40 15</u>

**Presbytery of St. Louis.**

Bethlehem.....	\$1 65
1st St. Louis.....	150 00
Ferguson.....	5 00
Bethel.....	5 00
High St., St. Louis.....	14 10
	<u>\$175 75</u>



**Synod of N. Jersey****Presbytery of Elizabeth.**

Westfield.....	\$67 65
West Summit.....	2 62
Basking Ridge.....	30 00
Perth Amboy.....	40 00
2d Elizabeth.....	92 37
Crawford.....	14 01
Lamington.....	12 00
Central Summit.....	5 00
1st Springfield.....	18 42
Elizabethport.....	22 00
Pluckamin.....	15 00
Clinton.....	31 15
Roselle.....	20 00
1st Plainfield.....	7 09
2d ".....	62 00
1st Rahway.....	20 36
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	\$459 67

**Presbytery of Jersey City.**

Englewood.....	\$410 81
2d Paterson.....	28 30
Prospect Ave., Jersey City.....	14 15
Passaic.....	12 00
Union 1st.....	2 00
1st Jersey City.....	50 00
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	\$517 25

**Presbytery of Monmouth.**

Mattawan.....	\$40 13
Allentown.....	50 00
Mt. Holly.....	51 68
Jacksonville.....	4 00
1st Dayton.....	4 00
Monalapan.....	50 00
Manchester.....	5 00
Holmanville.....	6 00
Cream Ridge.....	38 00
Jamestown.....	30 00
Burlington.....	54 00
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	\$382 81

**Presb'tery of Morris & Orange**

1st Morristown.....	\$137 61
Chatham.....	35 60
South St., Morristown..	151 79
W. L. King, ".....	25 00
1st Mendham.....	51 00
Dover.....	76 00
Chester.....	10 00
Parsippany.....	15 00
2d Orange.....	158 40
South Orange.....	56 80
Flanders.....	17 00
Edison.....	100 00
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	\$834 20

**Presbytery of Newark.**

Bloomfield.....	\$160 05
South Park, Newark.....	92 70
Park, Newark.....	60 00
High St., Newark.....	113 60
2d Newark.....	16 10
Caldwell.....	66 00
1st Newark.....	146 00
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	\$954 45

**Presbytery of New Brunswick.**

Amwell.....	\$ 15 00
1st New Brunswick.....	31 20
Hamilton Square.....	13 20
Milford.....	14 00
Kingston.....	20 00
Titusville.....	2 01
Flemington.....	120 78
1st Princeton.....	44 10
Pennington.....	100 00
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	\$360 29

**Presbytery of Newton.**

Knowlton.....	\$5 00
2d Oxford.....	25 00
Asbury.....	33 00
La Fayette.....	6 00
Wantage.....	25 00
Musconetcong Valley....	10 00
Stewartville.....	50 00
Harmony.....	15 50
1st Mansfield.....	100 00
Blairstown.....	28 00
North Hardyston.....	25 00
1st Greenwich.....	50 00
1st Newton.....	300 00
2d Newton.....	21 00
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	\$693 50

**Presbytery of West Jersey.**

Absecon.....	\$ 4 00
Sower's Point.....	2 00
Leed's Point.....	2 00
May's Landing.....	10 00
Tuckahoe.....	2 00
Salem.....	75 00
Williamstown.....	4 00
West Bridgeton.....	33 05
1st Bridgeton.....	75 00
Deerfield.....	23 00
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	\$230 05

**Synod of N. York.****Presbytery of Boston.**

Londonderry.....	\$14 40
Bedford.....	8 17
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	\$22 57

**Presbytery of Hudson.**

Palisades... ..	\$34 00
1st Middletown.....	40 00
Washingtonville.....	15 00
Hamptonburgh.....	20 00
Ramapo.....	17 00
Port Jervis.....	32 00
Goodwill.....	10 00
Centreville.....	20 00
Clarkstown, German.....	1 00
1st Florida.....	14 25
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	\$203 25

**Presbytery of New York.**

Wm. Walker.....	\$500 00
Brick, New York.....	284 68
Manhattanville.....	8 60
42d St., New York.....	75 05
Aged member, University Place, N. Y.....	25 00
Canal St., N. Y.....	4 00
1st New York.....	5785 56
5th Av. & 19th St., N. Y.	3971 64
H. K. Corning.....	100 00
Memorial, N. Y.....	60 07
Scotch, N. Y.....	540 00
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	\$11,354 60

**Presbytery of North River.**

Bethlehem.....	\$50 00
Kingston.....	15 00
Poughkeepsie.....	70 40
Rondout.....	80 00
Malden.....	12 00
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	\$227 40

**Presbytery of West Chester.**

1st Stamford.....	\$ 71 58
Yonkers.....	215 20
South East.....	5 50
Darien.....	14 00
Bridgeport.....	55 50
1st Thompsonville.....	10 00
Mahopac Falls.....	6 60
Rye.....	125 00
Westminster.....	7 76
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	\$511 14

**Syn'd of the Pacific.****Presbytery of Benicia.**

Napa.....	\$25 00
Vallejo.....	5 00
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	\$30 00

**Presbytery of Sacramento.**

Rev. C. D. Roberts.....	\$1 00
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**Presbytery of San Francisco.**

Red Bluff..... \$3 20

**Presbytery of San Jose.**

Westminster, Santa  
Clara..... \$3 00

**Synod of Phila.****Presbytery of Chester.**

Great Valley..... \$25 00  
New London..... 43 00  
West Chester..... 49 80  
Cross Roads..... 50 00  
Phoenixville..... 5 00  
Chester City..... 10 00  
Kennett Square..... 25 00  
\$207 80

**Presbytery of Lackawanna.**

1st Troy..... \$ 11 00  
1st Athens..... 10 00  
1st Scranton..... 350 00  
Honesdale..... 100 00  
Wells and Columbia..... 5 00  
Wyalusing..... 17 00  
Herrick..... 3 00  
Carbondale..... 22 05  
Montrose..... 52 15  
Tunkhannock..... 7 34  
Towanda..... 104 05  
Wysox..... 5 20  
Ashley..... 2 00  
Rome..... 2 00  
Hawley..... 10 50  
Orwell..... 6 05  
1st Pittston..... 337 75  
Wilkesbarre..... 300 00  
\$1345 09

**Presbytery of Lehigh.**

Shawnee..... \$ 2 00  
Weatherly..... 13 00  
1st Tamaqua..... 22 00  
Mountain..... 14 00  
Shenandoah..... 5 00  
Ashland..... 1 50  
Allentown..... 32 84  
Audenreid..... 5 00  
White Haven..... 30 00  
1st Easton..... 59 00  
Middle Smithfield..... 10 00  
\$194 3

**Presbytery of Philadelphia.**

Wharton St..... \$ 22 28  
Member of 2d Ch..... 50 00  
Calvary..... 521 00  
An Elder..... 5 00  
South..... 38 00  
Walnut St..... 71 02  
Sixth..... 36 00  
Tabor..... 5 00  
Westminster..... 20 00  
Woodland..... 45 67  
West Spruce St..... 190 00  
\$1,003 97

**Presbytery of Phila. Central.**

North 10th St..... \$ 63 54  
Bethesda,..... 37 50  
W. K. H. 1st Mantua, .. 5 00  
Kensington,..... 60 75  
1st Mantua..... 10 00  
Western..... 20 00  
Central..... 120 41  
\$317 20

**Presbytery of Phila. North.**

Abington..... \$100 06  
2d Germantown..... 115 69  
Newtown..... 29 25  
1st Germantown..... 200 00  
Carversville,..... 2 00  
Plumsteadville..... 3 00  
Chestnut Hill..... 36 00  
Tioga Street, Phila,.... 10 00  
A. V. C. S..... 10 00  
Market Square, Germ'n 90 00  
Conshohocken..... 8 50  
Hermon, Philadelphia, 50 10  
Bristol,..... 65 00  
\$719 60

**Presbytery of Westminster.**

York..... \$129 75  
State Ridge..... 14 27  
New Harmony,..... 3 00  
Lancaster,..... 37 33  
Monegan..... 30 00  
\$214 35

**Synod of Pittsb'g.****Presbytery of Blairsville.**

Irwin's Station..... \$8 00  
Congruity..... 8 00  
New Alexandria..... 50 00  
Cross Roads,..... 22 28  
Amount forward..... \$88 28

**Blairsville.—CONTINUED.**

Amount brought up,... \$88 28  
Blairsville,..... 62 65  
Parnassus,..... 15 81  
New Salem,..... 10 00  
Pine Run,..... 7 00  
Murraysville,..... 13 25  
\$196 99

**Presbytery of Pittsburgh.**

Central, Pittsburgh,.... \$1563 63  
Bellefield,..... 47 08  
Forest Grove,..... 18 65  
S. Harbaugh, Esq..... 50 00  
Swissvale,..... 37 00  
Bethel,..... 20 00  
Mt. Washington,..... 5 00  
Third, Pittsburgh..... 992 65  
Shady Side,..... 128 50  
Raccoon,..... 22 10  
2nd Pittsburgh,..... 66 98  
East Liberty,..... 204 64  
Lebanon,..... 17 10  
1st Pittsburgh,..... 249 91  
6th Pittsburgh,..... 53 08  
Sharon,..... 10 00  
Hebron..... 6 95  
Mt. Carmel,..... 6 40  
Wilksburg,..... 16 00  
4th Pittsburgh,..... 30 00  
\$3,545 67

**Presbytery of Redstone.**

Mt. Pleasant,..... \$19 00

**Presbytery of Washington.**

1st Washington,..... \$34 09  
Forks of Wheeling,..... 38 00  
Wellsburg,..... 16 00  
West Union,..... 8 00  
Holliday's Cove,..... 25 00  
Three Springs,..... 5 00  
Upper Buffalo,..... 20 65  
Burgettstown,..... 14 26  
2d Washington,..... 12 00  
1st Wheeling,..... 55 50  
\$228 50

**Presbytery of W. Virginia.**

Fairmount..... \$10 00  
Hughes' River,..... 12 50  
Pennsboro'..... 10 85  
A Friend,..... 1 65  
\$35 00

## Synod of Tennessee.

### Presbytery of Kingston.

Kingston, .....	\$8 00
2d Maryville, .....	50
Forest Hill, .....	1 00
	<hr/> \$9 50

### Presbytery of New Orleans.

2d German, N. Orleans, .....	\$12 00
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### Presbytery of Huron.

Strawberry Plains, .....	\$3 00
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## Synod of Toledo.

### Presbytery of Bellefontaine.

Marseilles, .....	\$5 00
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### Presbytery of Union.

Norwalk, .....	\$46 05
Bloomville, .....	7 00
Monroeville, .....	7 00
Fremont, ..	8 00
	<hr/> \$65 05

### Presbytery of Lima.

Van Wert, 1st, .....	\$22 00
Ottawa, .....	4 00
Turtle Creek, .....	2 00
Union, Lima, .....	8 90
Rockport, .....	5 20
Columbus Grove, .....	3 45
	<hr/> \$45 55

### Presbytery of Maumee.

Westminster, Toledo, ..	\$53 22
German, Toledo, .....	2 00
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## Synod of Utica.

### Presbytery of Binghamton.

Apalachia, .....	\$5 25
1st Owego, .....	28 08
Waverly, ..	10 00
Cortland, .....	52 70
North Binghamton, .....	7 50
	<hr/> \$103 53

### Presbytery of Otsego.

Cooperstown, .....	\$100 22
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### Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

2nd Oswegatchie, .....	\$8 00
Stone St., Watertown, ..	30 00
1st Ogdensburg, .....	66 00
1st Watertown, .....	48 00
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### Presbytery of Syracuse.

Hannibal, .....	\$15 00
Wampsville, .....	5 00
	<hr/> \$20 00

### Presbytery of Utica.

Camden, .....	\$ 5 00
Rome, .....	30 48
Holland Patent, .....	11 00
1st Utica, ..	39 27
Oriskany, .....	3 25
	<hr/> \$89 00

## Synod of Western New York.

### Presbytery of Buffalo.

Lancaster, .....	\$15 00
East and West Aurora, ..	10 00
1st Westfield, .....	18 00
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### Presbytery of Genesee.

Batavia, .....	\$50 30
North Bergeu, .....	9 50
Corfu, .....	2 00
	<hr/> \$61 80

### Presb. of Genesee Valley.

Angelica, .....	\$ 5 00
Andover, .....	4 25
Cuba, .....	17 00
Allegany, .....	3 00
	<hr/> \$29 25

### Presbytery of Niagara.

A. H. Porter .....	\$25 00
Niagara Falls, .....	25 00
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### Presbytery of Rochester.

Dausville, .....	\$35 92
Central, Rochester, .....	89 90
Tuscarora and Union Corners, .....	5 00
Central, Genesee, .....	22 56
1st Genesee, .....	96 00
East Avon, ..	6 00
Clarkson, .....	5 00
Ogden Centre, .....	17 25
2d Sparta, .....	7 00
Westminster, Rochester	11 57
Brighton, .....	16 00
Marcellus, .....	35 00
	<hr/> \$347 20

## Synod of Wisconsin.

### Presbytery of Chippewa.

North Bend, .....	\$2 00
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### Presbytery of Lake Superior.

1st Superior, .....	\$1 00
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### Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Immanuel, Milwaukee, ..	\$67 50
Cato, .....	1 85
1st Broadhead, .....	2 00
Somers, .....	9 95
German, Granville, .....	1 90
	<hr/> \$83 20

### Pres. of Wisconsin River.

Lodi, .....	\$28 12
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## Miscellaneous.

A Friend, Pittsburgh, ..	\$1,000 00
Mrs. E. G. Wallingford, ..	50 00
Shiloh Ch. St. Marys, Pa., .....	6 00
1st, Ch. Menomonee, Mich., .....	20 00
Clark Church, Pa., .....	5 00
Memorial Fund, .....	2,596 54
1st Church, Paola, Kas. ..	25 00
1st Ch., Brookfield, Mo. ..	27 00
Ch., of Stanhope, N. J. ....	35 00
Ch., of Oregon, Wisc. ....	30 00
Ch., of Smithfield, O. ....	30 00
1st Ch., Harvard, Ills., ..	25 00
Ch. of Pendleton and Wheatfield, N. Y. ....	27 50
	<hr/> \$3,877 04

## Miscellaneous—CONTINUED.

Am't bro't forward, ....	\$3,877 04
Ch. of Somonauk, Ills.	35 00
Ch. of Earlville, Ills.,	37 00
1st Ch. Yates City, Ills	40 00
Ch. of Lebanon, Ills.,..	25 00
Ch. of Elmwood, Ills.,	40 00
Ch. of Perry, Ills.,.....	35 00
Chs. of Guthrie and Dexter, Iowa, .....	25 00
Chs. of Tontogany and Gillead, Ohio,.....	34 31
Ch. of Golconda, Ills.,	25 00
Ch. of Columbus, Wisc.,	35 00
Ch. of Pataskala, Ohio,	40 60
1st Ch. Emporia, Kas.,	35 00
Ch. of Kirksville, O.	25 00
Ch. of Nicholson, Pa.	6 51
Ch. of Monroeton, Pa.	30 00
1st Ch. St. Cloud, Minn.	30 00
Ch. of Bakerstown, Pa.	35 00
Ch. of Clarence, Iowa,	30 00
Ch. of Forestville, Pa.	25 00
1st Ch. Nelsonville, O.	25 00
Ch. of Rising Sun, Ind.	30 00
Ch. of Carmi, Ills.,.....	32 60
1st Ch. Plato, Ills.,.....	35 00
Ch. of Danville, N. J.	32 50
Ch. of Hartford City, Ind., .....	25 00
1st Ch. Aurora, Ills.,...	38 50
Ch. of Trenton, Ohio,	30 50
Ch. of Andover, Ills.	25 00
Ch. of Abington, Wa- verly, Pa.,.....	25 00
Chs. of Delano, Rock- ford, Long Lake & Independence, Minn	27 00
Ch. of Andover, N. J.	37 50
Ch. of Chillicothe, Mo.	30 00
Ch. of Hudson, Mich.	35 00
Ch. of Darnestown, Md	35 00
1st Ch. Eureka, Ills.,	25 00
Ch. of Union City, Ind.	65 00
Ch. of Pleasant Prai- rie, Mo.,.....	25 00
	<u>\$5,044 06</u>

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Am't hro't forward,....	\$5,044 06
Ch. of Harbor Creek, Pa	32 50
Ch. of Woodstown, N. J.	55 75
Ch. of Ellicottville, N. Y	42 30
1st Ch. of Shickshinny, Pa.,.....	30 00
Ch. of Louisiana, Mo.,	35 00
Ch. of Fountain Green, Ills.,.....	32 50
2d Ch. Palmyra, Mo.,	25 00
Ch. of Kokomo, Ind.,	27 00
Ch. of Pleasant Valley, Pa. ....	30 00
1st Ch., Tipton, Ind.,	33 58
Ch. of Wyoming, Ill.,	35 00
Ch. of Mt. Eaton, Ohio,	35 00
1st Ch. Woodstock, Ill.	50 00
Chs. of Birds-Eye Ridge and Sullivan, Mo.,...	25 50
Valley Ch. Woods Run, Pa.,.....	25 00
Chs. of Ravenswood & Pleasant View, W. Va	25 00
1st Ch., Peabody, Kas.	25 00
1st Ch. Strongsville, O.	30 00
Ch. of Pleasant Run, O.	35 00
1st Ch. Holmesburg, Pa	30 00
1st Ch., Malden, Ill.,...	35 00
Ch. of Solebury, Pa.,...	35 00
Ch. of Venango, Pa.,...	25 00
3d German Ch. Free- port, Ill.,.....	25 00
Ch. of Bensalem, Pa.,...	25 00
Ch. of Williamsport, Md	30 00
1st Ch. Pleasant Grove, Iowa, .....	26 00
Ch. of Brighton, Ill.,...	25 00
2d Ch. Cedarville, N. J.	32 50
1st Ch. Grand Tower, Ill. ....	35 00
Ch. of Mason and Pis- gah, Ohio,.....	30 00
Harmony Ch., Mt. Ai- ry, Md., .....	25 00
Ch. of Ausable Forks, N. Y.,.....	40 00
	<u>\$6,091 69</u>

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Am't bro't forward,....	\$6,091 69
Ch. of Vienna, Ill.,.....	25 00
1st Ch. Enfield, Ill.,...	25 00
Ch. of Hunter, N. Y.,...	32 50
Ch. of Strashurg, Pa.,...	35 50
Ch. of Williamson, N. Y	30 25
Ch. of Squan Village, N. J. ....	26 00
Ch. of West Union, O.	25 00
Ch. of West Point, Iowa,	30 00
Ch. of Scotch Ridge & Portland, Ohio,.....	36 75
Ch. of Portland, Mich.	25 00
Ch. of Shakopee, Minn.	27 50
1st Ch. Montrose, Iowa	25 00
Ch. of Walcott, Iowa,	35 00
Ch. of Weston, Ohio,	25 00
Ch. of Wyoming, Pa.,	34 00
Ch. of Dumnore, Pa.,	37 50
Ch. of Newton, Pa.,...	35 00
1st & 2d Chs., Coving- ton, Ind.,.....	37 50
1st Ch. Fillmore, Minn	25 00
2d Ch., Mantua, Pa.,...	20 02
1st Ch., Afton, Iowa,...	25 00
Ch. of Troy, Ill., .....	25 00
1st Ch. Macon, Mo.,...	25 00
Ch. of Solon, Ohio,.....	25 00
Ch. of Fletcher, Ohio,...	26 00
Ch. of Malta, N. Y.,...	25 00
Ch. of Irwin Station, Pa. ....	37 50
Ch. of Bedford & North- field, Ohio,.....	30 00
Ch. of Piercetown, Ind.,	25 00
1st Ch. Grafton, W. Va.	30 00
Ch. of Farm Ridge, Ill.	40 00
Interest Acc't .....	91 14
Religious contribution	
Society of Princeton	
Theological Semin'y	137 00
	<u>\$7,236 85</u>
Total—	\$41,073 52





